

MEETING M I N U T E S
CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)
July 6, 2010
Council Chambers, City Hall, 107 N. Nevada Avenue

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Chairperson Dillon called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m.
Members present: Brian Chester, Jane Dillon, David Munger, John Nuwer, Jim Ramsey, Brian Risley, Gerrit Slater, and Joe Vaccaro.
Members absent: Amber Bowden, Jim Ramsey, Randy Welsch.
Staff present: Dave Krauth, City Traffic Engineer; Craig Blewitt, Interim Transit Services Manager; David Menter, Transit Planning Supervisor; Tim Roberts, Senior Transportation Planner; Saleem Khattak, Streets Division Manager; Kristin Bennett, Senior Transportation Planner; Cam McNair, City Engineer; Lan Rao, Transit Services Accountant; Becky Moore, Senior Office Specialist.
Others present: Victoria Chavez, El Paso County Department of Transportation
2. **CITIZEN COMMENT:** No citizen comment.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **John Nuwer moved to approve the June 9, 2010 regular meeting minutes; Brian Risley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Absent: Amber Bowden, Jim Ramsey, Randy Welsch.
4. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) – No report
 - B. Trucking Issues Subcommittee (TISC) – Dave Munger reported that Traffic Engineering staff, Police Department staff and trucking industry representatives discussed the status of implementing the new truck route system changes at the most recent TISC meeting. The changes seem to be working well, so the TISC decided to fully support the new truck route system changes. Chairwoman Jane Dillon noted that City Council asked for a presentation on the TISC's truck route changes and outcomes; staff will get a Report Item on an upcoming Informal Council agenda. **John Nuwer motioned to recommend the TISC be considered inactive until such time as it is assigned a new task(s) and that the recommendation by the TISC to fully support the recent truck route changes be accepted; Brian Risley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.** Absent: Amber Bowden, Jim Ramsey, Randy Welsch.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority Update** – City Engineer Cam McNair reviewed with the following:
 1. **Cost Recovery and PPRTA Funds** – As part of the Vincent Drive extension project, PPRTA funds will be spent to improve a road that is adjacent to unplatted or undeveloped property – improvements that are typically the responsibility of a developer(s) when is developed. The City routinely utilizes a cost recovery mechanism when public funds or another developer pays for infrastructure improvements upfront. Cost recovery for a proportional share of those infrastructure improvements is then filed on future development that benefits from the earlier improvements and reimbursed to the entity that “fronted” the cost of the improvements. The City will be discussing the potential for cost recovery of PPRTA capital funds with the PPRTA Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). John Nuwer asked how incoming funds to the PPRTA could be received; Cam explained that would be part of the discussion with the PPRTA CAC. Gerrit Slater asked if the area Housing & Building Association (HBA) will be informed of this issue; Cam assured him the HBA would be informed. Chairwoman Jane Dillon requested a formal presentation on this issue to the CTAB after the PPRTA CAC's review so the Board can weigh in with a recommendation.

2. Bridge Maintenance Issues – The City inherited several bridges from the Colorado Department of Transportation when CDOT and the City completed a roadway swap agreement a few years ago. Most of these former CDOT bridges are in fair to poor condition. Staff is working with CDOT to possibly obtain bridge maintenance funds for bridge replacements/repairs because the roadway swap agreement was based on CDOT using “Seventh Pot” funding to construct Powers Blvd. into a freeway. However, “Seventh Pot” funding is being taken away, so the region will be losing out on expected funding and improvements for Powers Blvd. in the near term. The City is spending a lot of the PPRTA bridge maintenance money on these former CDOT bridges, which was not planned on when the PPRTA bridge program was developed. Dave Munger asked if our state representatives should be involved in this discussion; Cam said staff is working through CDOT now but the City may eventually need to do this.
3. Possible Second PPRTA Capital Program – Chairwoman Jane Dillon stated as soon as substantial work is started on a PPRTA – 2 capital program, the CTAB would like to be involved. Cam suggested it would be more appropriate for a group like the CTAB to initiate PPRTA – 2 discussions. Staff is ready to support the effort of any citizen group(s) that would like to begin discussions about a possible second round of PPRTA capital projects; the current 10-year capital program approved by voters in 2004 will expire at the end of 2014. Chairwomen Dillon requested this item be placed on the September CTAB agenda for more detailed discussion. Dave Munger suggested the Board invite groups/citizens with an interest in a possible second PPRTA capital program to participate. **John Nuwer made a motion that the CTAB move forward with PPRTA - 2 capital program discussions; Dave Munger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.** Absent: Amber Bowden, Jim Ramsey, Randy Welsch.

B. Transit Services Monthly Update - Dave Menter, Transit Planning Supervisor, reported the ridership statistics continue to improve for both FREX and local fixed use service, but the Ute Pass Express ridership is still lower than desired. Construction of the new transit operator contractor facility will start soon, saving the City leasing costs on the current leased space that houses that contractor. See the CTAB documents library at www.springsgov.com/CTAB for all Monthly Transit Updates.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CTAB Board Member Appointments – Dave Munger’s and Amber Bowden’s first terms of service will expire soon and both expressed interest in being reappointed for a second term. **Gerrit Slatter motioned to request City Council reappoint Dave Munger and Amber Bowden to second terms of service on the CTAB; Brian Risley seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.** Absent: Amber Bowden, Jim Ramsey, Randy Welsch.

Joe Vaccaro and Brian Risley are term-limited as of fall 2010 per the CTAB bylaws, so CTAB also needs to request City Council advertise for two new Board members and a new CTAB alternate. Staff will forward a request on behalf of the CTAB to the Mayor’s office to advertise and fill those vacancies.

B. El Paso County 2040 Plan Update Process – Victoria Chavez, Principal Transportation Planner for El Paso County, provided an overview of the its 2040 Major Transportation Corridor Plan update process. Phase 1 of the update is complete, which included public input workshops offered throughout the county. One public input technique was to provide the cost of various road improvements and then let participants create a roadway plan for the County, including allocating limited funding. The biggest concern from the citizens participating was investing more money into maintenance of roads and less into building new roads. There is a transportation views and needs survey as well as additional project information at www.2040mtcp.com.

- C. **Transit Funding 101** – Lan Rao presented information on the current structure and funding of Mountain Metropolitan Transit, which is governed by City Council with and mostly funded through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants, fare box revenues and 10% of the 1-cent PPRTA sales tax. The services offered are Mountain Metro (fixed-route transit), Metro Mobility (paratransit), Front Range Express (FREX) and Ute Pass Express (long-distance commuter bus service), Human Services transportation, and the Metro Rides travel demand management program (carpool, vanpool, etc.). To review this Power Point presentation, visit the CTAB documents library at www.springsgov.com/CTAB.
- D. **Current Road Conditions and Future Funding Needs** – Saleem Khattak, Streets Division Manager, provided a detailed presentation on the current condition of the City’s street network; previous, current and projected funding levels for street maintenance; and unmet street maintenance needs. Brian Risley asked for information on how the City’s streets maintenance funding compares to other communities. To review this Power Point presentation, visit the CTAB documents library at www.springsgov.com/CTAB.
- E. **Bicycling in the City of Colorado Springs** – Kristin Bennett, Senior Transportation Planner, presented an abbreviated version of the BAC’s (CTAB Bicycle Advisory Subcommittee) orientation presentation on the City’s approach bicycle transportation, including recent facility addition and funding acquisition information. To review this Power Point presentation, visit the CTAB documents library at www.springsgov.com/CTAB.

7. **STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

No staff or Board member comments.

8. **NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE AND TOPICS:** The next CTAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 107 N. Nevada Avenue.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairwoman Jane Dillon adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

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